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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


Applicant(s):	Cory D. Hess	Docket:	135809
Serial No.:	09/833,119	Art Unit:	2128
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Title:	Optical Route Design System and Method for Analyzing the Performance of an Optical Fiber Transmission Path		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") dated June 9, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on the grounds that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

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